

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
September 8, 2014,

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Raymond moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2014 special meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Raymond and Mr. Kochenburger who abstained. Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Mansfield Housing Code, Expansion of Rental Certification Zone
Brian Coleman, Centre Street, urged the Council not to support the proposed changes to the Mansfield Housing Code. (Statement attached)
Mayor Paterson closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Brian Coleman, Centre Street, commented on the opening of the Democratic Headquarters near campus and the proposed changes in the Mansfield Housing Code which he feels discriminates against students. (Statement attached, supplementary material to be included as a communication in the 9/22/2014 packet)
Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, suggested citizens of each party should be involved in the Town Manager's evaluation process to show that the appointment is not political.

V. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Matt Hart reviewed his written report.
Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to move Item 6, Connecticut Council of Small Towns Membership Invitation, as the next item of business.
The motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson extended congratulations to Fire Marshal Fran Raiola and the Fire Department for recently receiving the 2013 Life Safety Achievement Award. The Mayor also reminded those present that the annual Celebrate Mansfield will take place on September 21, 2014 and volunteers are still needed.
Ms. Moran commented on remarks made during public comment which suggested Democratic Council members are anti-student. Ms. Moran stated that she came to Town as a student, has housed students in her home over the years, and that the purpose of the regulations is to control the actions of some landlords, not students.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

2. Community/Campus Relations

The Town Manager reported that the Town/University Committee will be meeting on September 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. and updated members on the policing activities over the last few weekends. The Mayor noted the efforts of John Armstrong of Off-Campus Services and Town staff in working together to address neighborhood concerns.

3. Storrs Center Update

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The Town Manager met with representatives from Middletown who toured the Storrs Center area and discussed the processes used in the development of the area.

4. UConn Landfill, Long-Term Monitoring Report
Informational, no action required.

5. Mansfield Housing Code, Expansion of Rental Certification Zone
Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Wassmundt seconded to place Item 5, Mansfield Housing Code, Expansion of Rental Certification Zone, on the agenda of the first meeting in October.
Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

6. Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) Membership Invitation
The Town Manager introduced Betsy Gara, the Executive Director of COST, who outlined the services the organization would offer to the Town. COST is an advocacy group which focuses on the needs of small towns.
Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to join the Connecticut Council of Small Towns as soon as possible.
The motion passed unanimously.

7. Year End Budget Transfers & Appropriations for FY 2013/14
Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, moved effective September 8, 2014 to adopt the Yearend Budget Transfers and Appropriation for FY 2013/14, as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated September 8, 2014.
Motion passed unanimously.

8. Capital Projects Fund Closeouts/Adjustments
Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, moved effective September 8, 2014 to approve the adjustments to the Capital Projects fund, as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated September 3, 2014.
Motion passed unanimously.

9. Financial Statements Dated June 30, 2014
Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, moved to accept the Financial Statements dated June 30, 2014.
Motion passed unanimously.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan reported the Finance Committee discussed a proposal by Blum Shapiro to provide an analysis of the Town's financial controls. The Committee will meet again next week and will bring their recommendation to the Council as a whole.

X. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATONS

- 10. J. Hanley (08/27/14)
- 11. T. Long (09/02/14)
- 12. T. Luciano (09/01/14)

XII. FUTURE AGENDA

Town Manager Matt Hart clarified that UConn police now enforce Town public safety ordinances in the area around campus as part of the mutual aid agreement. Mr. Hart will provide information on the number of citations issued.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss the Town Manager Performance Review in accordance with Connecticut General Statute §1-200(6)(a)
Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(6)(a), Town Manager Performance Review
Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt
The Council reconvened in regular session.

XIV ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.
Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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